NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

for

Bridge / Roadway Reconstruction and Widening on US-191 from 400 North in Moab City to SR-279 (Potash Road) in Grand County, Utah

Project No: BHF-0191(27)129E

The Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT), in coordination with Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), herewith advises all interested persons or groups that a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) has been issued for transportation improvements to a 3.7-mile portion of US-191, from 400 North in Moab to SR-279 (Potash Road) within Grand County. The FONSI is based on the Environmental Assessment (EA) that has been independently evaluated by the FHWA and determined to adequately and accurately discuss the need, environmental issues, and impacts of the proposed project and appropriate mitigation measures. It provides sufficient evidence and analysis for determining that the Preferred Alternative will have no significant impact on the human environment and that an Environmental Impact Statement is not required.

The selected Preferred Alternative is outlined in the EA and includes replacing the US-191 bridge over the Colorado River with a new bridge that consists of four travel lanes, a median, and shoulders. The roadway would also be widened to four lanes to meet the existing and projected travel demand through the design year 2030 and provide continuity between the four-lane sections north and south of the project limits. The Preferred Alternative would improve safety throughout the project corridor by upgrading shoulders and meeting design standards. Bicycle and pedestrian movements along US-191 would be facilitated by the addition of shoulders, sidewalks, and/or separated paths. Construction would be conducted in phases, based on availability of funding. Phase 1 would replace the US-191 bridge over the Colorado River and associated roadway approaches. Also included in Phase 1 is a separated facility for non-motorized bicycle and pedestrian traffic between the US-191 bridge and the Courthouse Wash Kiosk.

The FONSI and EA are available for public inspection by contacting Carlos Machado, FHWA Program Manager, 2520 West 4700 South, Suite 9A, Salt Lake City (801) 963-0183 ext. 231; Randall Taylor, UDOT Region 4 Environmental Engineer, 1345 South 350 West, Richfield (435) 893-4714; or Myron Lee, UDOT Region 4 Public Involvement Coordinator, 1345 South 350 West, Richfield (435) 893-4702. These documents are also available on the project website at www.udot.utah.gov/coloradoriverbridge/ or at the Moab Information Center, located at Main and Center Street in Moab.